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June 2, 1943

YWCA Branch Enrolls 1,154 in Membership Drive

Climaxing a six-week campaign for 1,000 members, the Blue Triangle Young Women's Christian Association again ranks as the South's largest Negro branch with a total enrollment to date of 1,154 members. Although the campaign closed officially May 27, it was estimated that a total of 1,200 persons will enroll by the end of 1943.

Mrs. Jerome I. Wright, chairman of the membership committee, directed the campaign.

Division heads reported as follows: Mrs. J. A. Britt and Lena T. Jackson, 454 members; Mrs. U. S. Jordon and Lenora Thompson, 262 members; Mrs. D. H. Turpin and Mrs. H. J. Johnson, 142 members; Mrs. A. J. Bender and Mrs. T. J. Buford, 120 members; Mrs. Roy Miller and Mrs. H. D. Stuart, 90 members; Mrs. G. A. Thompson and Artie D. Carter, 86 members.

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Other workers in the campaign were: Mrs. Willie Henderson, Mrs. G. A. Moore, Mrs. Lillie Smith, L. E. Badger, Mrs. W. M. Dooley, Mrs. E. T. Brown, Mrs. Alberta Jordan, Mrs. A. H. Roberts, Mrs. M. S. Davage, Mrs. W. E. Ross, Mrs. W. E. Crawley, Mrs. Marie Morgan, Mrs. Mittie Shelby, Mrs. H. J. Johnson, Mrs. M. C. Chavis, Mrs. M. D. Neeley, Mrs. Roy Miller, Mrs. J. T. Patton, Jarvetta Kelly, Mrs. H. D. Stuart, Mrs. H. L. Meadors, Mrs. F. McClinton, Mrs. Alfred Galloway, Medora Hayes, Mrs. Cora Allen, Mildred McGhee, Mrs. L. C. Reddick, Mrs. William Gaines, Mrs. Jessie Claiborne, Mrs. W. D. Allimono, Mrs. H. D. Carter, Mrs. H. J. Johnson, Jr., Mrs. Carrie Tolliver, Mrs. J. C. Haynes, Mrs. Rachel McCullough, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Miller, Mrs. T. E. Deaderick, Mrs. Ezra Reed and Mrs. L. J. Nesbit. Mrs. O. L. Hambrick and Mrs. A. M. Townsend served as secretary and treasurer respectively.

SCOUT INSTITUTE OPENS WEDNESDAY

Raleigh, N. C., Times & Observer
June 7, 1943

Negro Girl Scout Leaders to Take 10-Day Course at St. Augustine's

A special 10-day training institute for Negro Girl Scout camp directors, day-camp directors, and camp counselors from the Southeastern part of the United States will open at St. Augustine's College on Wednesday. The institute is sponsored by the National Council of Girl Scouts.

"This is the first time our Negro workers have had the opportunity to take national training so near home, and we are delighted Raleigh was chosen for this new part of training our local personnel," said Mrs. F. J. Carnage, chairman of the Negro district committee.

The Raleigh district committee and the Negro Leaders Association will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at Tuttle Community Center in joint session to complete plans for the training institute.

Three members of the national Girl Scout field staff will arrive in Raleigh today to act as instructors for the three courses. They are Ann Roos, Caroline Sinclair, and Fannie Funderburke. Maye E. Ligon, president of the Negro Leaders Association, yesterday attended an all-day meeting in Greensboro for sponsors of Negro Girl Scouts.

The camp directors' course is designed for persons interested in the administration of established camps and includes the principles of group work as applied to camping; interrelationships of camp director, camp committee, and staff; staff selection, training and supervision; program building and administration; business management; camp equipment and construction.

The day-camp directors' course includes the application of the principles of group work to day camping; selection and training of staff; administration, and business management.

The camp counselors' course, designed for counselors of established day camps and for leaders who wish to offer troop camping, will emphasize the skills of campcraft and outdoor living.

Asheville, N. C. Citizen
June 28, 1943

DAY CAMP FOR NEGRO GIRLS BEGINS MONDAY

The health education committee of the Phyllis Wheatley branch of the Y. W. C. A. is sponsoring a day camp for girls from 9 to 15 years of age. The camp is scheduled to open this morning and will be operated each day from 9 until 1 o'clock.

It will continue through July 9 it was announced and attention will be given to various crafts, outdoor cooking, hiking, dramatics, and various athletic games including deck tennis, badminton, as well as dramatics, creative writing and other interests.

A competent staff of counselors to handle the girls has been assembled it was announced. Additional information may be obtained by telephoning No. 2436-W.

Blue Triangle YWCA Launches Campaign for 1,000 Members

With a present enrollment of 770 members, the South's second largest Negro branch of the YWCA has set a goal of 1,000 members for the 1943 annual membership campaign here.

Much of the program and work of the local branch has been planned to help meet war-time emergencies of the community. At the request of the Tennessee State Employment Office, the Blue Triangle YWCA is in charge of all domestic and personnel placements for Negro girls and women for the duration. This service is offered without cost.

The employment office maintains a standard wage for day and week workers and aims to develop better relationships between employers and employes. Training courses are provided and new jobs for Negro girls and women are being filled. Beginning Monday, a three-week intensive training course for waitresses in eating places will open. This course has been approved by the City Board of Education.

The YWCA dormitory offers the only supervised home for Negro women and girls in the city. It also cares for problem cases, referred by The Traveler's Aid, Social Service Exchange, Meharry and Vanderbilt Hospitals and other social agencies. The dormitory has been approved as the headquarters for WAAC recruits. At the request of the Service Men's Committee, a room registry of investigated homes for soldiers' wives and relatives has been provided.

To aid housewives to understand and to meet rising living costs a Cooperative Buying Club has been organized for the purpose of education and economy.

Services to Soldiers

Among services to soldiers are monthly Friendly Hour programs on Sunday afternoon, parties and dances among club girls; programs at Army camps; providing directories for soldiers; and programs at the YWCA.

A Soldiers' Wives Club meets twice monthly and provides recreation and interest to a large group of young women. For the maneuver period weekly dances are being sponsored, and a reading corner for soldiers provided. Limited equipment prohibits large affairs, and the YWCA serves as a "home base" for the smaller soldier groups.

In addition war-time classes are being held at the branch. The first instructor's knitting class was opened last year and approximately 100 sweaters made by members of the YWCA groups. Classes in Red Cross training for first aid, home nursing and nutrition are taught.

Seven hundred and eight teen-age girls are enrolled in Girl Reserve Clubs, and 91 in adult clubs for business, professional and working girls. Training in leadership and opportunities for service are provided under supervision. A summer camp to meet wartime needs of adolescent girls will open June 10.

The local YWCA trained the first group of Girl Reserves in the South for war service. A five-week training course in child care was given, and 16 Girl Reserves received certificates. These girls are now being used as volunteers to assist community agencies working with children.

Plans for a youth conference to discuss problems of youth in the present and postwar world is being made by the religious education committee.

Year-Round Program

The program of the Blue Triangle YWCA is a year-round effort to provide for women and girls, wholesome and constructive activities and to concern itself with their problems. Approximately 200 volunteers are active in its program. The building is used as a meeting place for community groups. On May 1 the Office of Civilian Defense will reopen its headquarters in the building.

The annual membership campaign is headed by Mrs. Jerome I. Wright, general chairman, with the following division heads: North Nashville, Mrs. S. J. Chandler, Mrs. T. J. Buford; East Nashville, Mrs. Jordan, L. Thompson; Northwest Nashville, Mrs. Roy Miller, Mrs. Hazel Stuart; Southwest Nashville, Mrs. G. A. Thompson, Artie Carter; Southeast Nashville, Mrs. D. H. Turpin, Mrs. H. J. Johnson; downtown, Mrs. J. A. Britt, Lena Jackson.

This year a group of 82 workers are enrolled. Mrs. D. H. Turpin is chairman of the committee of management.

The Blue Triangle Young Women's Christian Association is a department of the Central YWCA and a beneficiary of the Community Chest.

Atlanta, Ga. Journal
March 30, 1943

NEGRO GIRL SCOUT TROOP

WEST POINT, Ga., March 30.—The first Girl Scout troop for Negroes in the Chattahoochee Valley Council has been organized at the West Point School for colored by Miss Evelyn Vinson, council executive. The Scouts will present their first public program Sunday April 4.

Asheville, N. C. Citizen
June 29, 1943

20 NEGRO GIRLS ARE ENROLLED FOR DAY CAMP

Twenty negro girls enrolled yesterday for the day camp which opened at the Phyllis Wheatley branch of the Y.W.C.A. to continue through July 9.

Rupert Blanchard, secretary of the branch, and a staff of six counselors are in charge of the day camp which meets from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Mondays through Fridays. Activities include tennis, dramatics, folk music, handicraft, badminton, cooking, hiking, and creative writing.

Asheville, N. C. Citizen
June 23, 1943

Negro Girls To Register For Y.W.C.A. Day Camp

Registration for a day camp for negro girls will begin this morning at 10 o'clock at the Phyllis Wheatley branch of the Y. W. C. A. on College street.

The camp will open June 28 and continue through July 9, meeting from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Mondays through Fridays. Rupert Blanchard, secretary of the branch, will direct the camp. Activities will include tennis, dramatics, folk music, games, and outings. Other activities will be added upon the suggestion of campers.

Girls from nine to 15 years of age are eligible to register for the camp.

Birmingham, Ala. News
August 8, 1943

Week-End Camp Held For Negro Girl Scouts

Twenty-five Negro girls representing Troops 100, Westfield; 102 Slossfield, and 103, Federation Center, attended the first week-end camp for Negro Girl Scouts in Jefferson County with three adult leaders at Pauline B. Fletcher Camp July 30-Aug. 1. In charge were Litha Thomas, Mildred Johnson, Rebecca Matthews, Jessie Woods and Clara Wilson.

Roanoke, Va., Times
December 2, 1943

Cooking School For Negro Women Planned

A cooking school for Negro housewives will be held at the office of the Roanoke Gas company, 125 Church avenue, S. W., at 8 o'clock tonight under the auspices of the Phyllis Wheatley branch of the Y. W. C. A.

The class, first held for Negro women in Roanoke, will be conducted by Mrs. Gladys Bramblette, a home economist.

Nashville 'Y' Enrolls 1154 New Members In Six Week Campaign

NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 24—Climaxing a six week's intensive campaign [illegible] the Blue Triangle Young Women's [illegible] Christian [illegible] takes its place in the front ranks as the largest Negro branch with [illegible] members. Although the campaign closed officially on May 27, it is estimated that a total of 1200 persons will enroll by the end of 1943. Credit for the success of the campaign goes to the energetic and capable chairman, Mrs. Jerome I. Wright, and the large group of enthusiastic workers. The increased enrollment is an expression of the faith of the community in the work and worth of the [illegible] for Southern army camps reported as follows: Camp Tyson, Mrs. J. A. Britt and PROGRAM

Miss Lena T. Jackson, leaders, 454 members; Camp Croft, Mrs. U. S. Jordan and Mrs. Thompson, leaders, 262 members; Camp Connelly, Mrs. D. H. Turpin and Mrs. H. J. Johnson, leaders, 142 members; Camp Shelby, Mrs. J. J. Bender and Mrs. T. J. Buford, leaders, 120 members; Camp Blanding, Mrs. Roy Miller and Mrs. H. D. Stuart, leaders, 90 members; Camp Claiborne, Mrs. G. A. Thompson and Miss Artie D. Carter, leaders, 86 members.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Workers receiving special recognition for high reporting are as follows: For Camp Brigadier Generals, Mrs. J. A. Britt, 454 members; Mrs. U. S. Johnson, 262 members. First Lieutenants, Miss Lena T. Jackson, 203 members; Miss Lenora Thompson, 161 members. Workers, Mrs. S. H. Watson, 79 members; Mrs. Hattie Davidson, 52 members; New Worker, Mrs. Ophelia Vestal, 45 members.

Workers in the 1943 campaign are: Mrs. C. M. Buford, Mrs. A. J. Bender, Mrs. J. A. Britt, Miss Lena T. Jackson, Mrs. Ophelia Vestal, Mrs. S. H. Watson, Mrs. Willie Henderson, Mrs. Hattie Davidson, Mrs. G. A. Moore, Mrs. Lillie Smith, Miss L. E. Badger, Mrs. W. W. Dooley, Mrs. E. T. Brown, Mrs. G. A. Thompson, Mrs. Alberta Jordan, Mrs. A. H. Roberts, Mrs. M. S. Davage, Mrs. W. E. Ross, Mrs. U. S. Jordan, Mrs. W. E. Crawley, Mrs. Maria Morgan, Mrs. Mittie Shelby, Miss Lenora Thompson, Mrs. D. H. Turpin, Mrs. H. J. Johnson, Mrs. M. C. Chavis, Miss Artie Carter, Mrs. M. D. Neely, Mrs. Roy Miller, Mrs. J. T. Patton, Miss Jarvetta Kelly, Mrs. H. D. Stuart, Mrs. H. L. Meadors, Mrs. F. McClenton, Mrs. Alfred Galloway, Miss Medora Hayes, Mrs. Cora Allen, Miss Mildred McGhee, Mrs. L. C. Reddick, Mrs. William Gaines, Mrs. Jessie Claiborne, Mrs. W. D. Allimono, Mrs. H. D. Carter, Mrs. H. J. Johnson Jr., Mrs. Carrie Tolliver, Mrs. J. C. Haynes, Mrs. Rachel McCullough, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Miller, Mrs. T. E. Deaderick, Mrs. Ezra Reed, Mrs. L. J. Nesbitt.

Mrs. O. L. Hambrick and Mrs. A. M. Townsend served as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

ATTENDS GIRL SCOUT CAMP

Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier

AUG 7 1943

Miss Mildred Poston, of Kerr avenue, Memphis, Tenn., has just returned from Camp Edith Macy, national Girl Scout camp at Pleasantville, N.Y., after taking a course there as girl scout leader of the Memphis Girl Scout movement. A graduate of LeMoyne college, she is director of one of the city playgrounds. Miss Poston was accompanied to Camp Edith Macy by Miss Ernestine Pruitt, also teacher in the Memphis schools.

Negro USO-YWCA Helps Even At Soldier Weddings

Columbus, Ga., Enquirer-Sun

October 14, 1943 BY *JANE RAYMOND*

It was a dilemma! A bride enroute and a groom without an idea of how to fix the wedding he was supposed to arrange.

So, the bewildered Negro soldier from Fort Benning rushed into the USO Negro YWCA club, at 936 Fifth avenue, for counsel. Fortunately, the Army Wives club was holding its weekly Wednesday luncheon, and the some 32 women attending turned a sympathetic ear.

With the aid of Frances Penman, USO Negro YWCA director, they took the couple under their wing, and planned the affair, going so far as participating in the wedding themselves.

This is an example of service the club has been doing since the nine-room dwelling house was opened as a USO Negro YWCA center two years ago. Figures, taken at random, show 7,412 services were given during a normal month, and some 9,864 persons served in a "record month."

Individual Service

Special emphasis is placed on service to the individual, although nightly group meetings of some sort for special occasions are held. Individual services, besides information, package wrapping, handling money orders and mailing, include furnishing electric irons and electric sewing machines for soldiers' wives who come into the club to use such appliances. Kitchen privileges are also furnished to army couples who wish to fix a meal.

Some 35 civilians and soldiers regularly attend the "Let's Sing Hour" on Mondays at 8 p. m. Tuesday nights are featured by shorthand and typing classes conducted by Fort Benning soldiers, who regularly instruct about 20 out-of-high-school civilians, WACs and soldiers. It is expected the Thursday and Tuesday morning classes, discontinued during the summer, will be resumed this fall.

Army Wives Meet

Forums and the Army Wives' club meet on Wednesdays.

The army wives hold a luncheon, highlighted by seasonal affairs, such as their approaching Hallowe'en party. Variety is given to the forums by featuring such special programs as the Book Reviews in October. Ten best sellers, both fiction and non-fiction, will be reviewed during October, beginning wtih "Valley of Decision," which will be told by Felix Paul, Boy Scout executive.

Last winter, the USO Negro YWCA sponsored Red Cross first aid classes. Some 34 Negroes received certificates upon finishing the course.

Friday and Saturday nights are free of scheduled club meetings. These two week-end nights are kept open for parties and dances. A "Parade of the Spooks", a costume party, and a Hallowe'en festival, to include a weiner roast and dancing, have been planned for two Friday nights in October. Officer candidates from Fort Benning generally participate in the Saturday night dances.

Spencer Program

A "Twilight Hour" of vespers at 7 p. m. is customary on Sundays. The Spencer High school band will present a special musical program on October 10, and the Negro WACs from Fort Benning will be featured in another tion with the regular vespers.

Frances Penman, USO Negro YWCA director, of Macon, earned her degree at West Virginia State college. She was assistant director of the USO Negro YWCA at Columbia, S. C., before coming to Columbus over a year ago.

Scout Troops For Colored Girls In Atlanta Planned

Daily World

Atlanta, Georgia

Under the leadership of Mrs. B. E. Mays, a group of women has held two meetings in the interest of the organization of Scout troops, among Negro girls in Atlanta. It has been revealed that a small sum of money has been included in the Community Fund with which to finance the project, and plans are underway to appoint a professional worker and also to give a basic training course for volunteer workers who will become leaders of the troops.

The personnel of the group consists of Mrs. B. E. Mays,, chairman of the troop committee; Miss B. E. Usher, vice president; Miss N. M. Hamilton, secretary; Miss L. I. Goosby, budget committee; Mrs. E. W. Bowen, organizer; Miss Helen Toliver and Mrs. A. L. McPheeters, adult education committee; Miss S. M. Watson and Miss Peggy Cooper, out-of-doors committee. Any persons interested in work with girls between the ages of 7 and 11 should contact one of the members of this group in order to be ready for the course in basic training for Girl Scout work.

Durham, N. C. Herald

November 15, 1943

Negro Leaders For Guardian Clubs Are Appointed In City

Mrs. Sarah Garth Says Full Program Will Be Offered

Mrs. Sarah K. Garth, director of women's and girl's activities of the City Recreation Department, announced for publication today the names of Negro leaders in the Department-sponsored Girls' Guardian Clubs operating in many local schools.

According to Mrs. Garth, a full schedule is expected to be in operation for the members of the Girls' Guardian Clubs this year. The organization which is sponsored each school year by the Recreation Department, is composed of girls in the various schools of the city who assist their teachers and principals in numerous routine duties around the various institutions.

The clubs also are organized for the specific purpose of assisting in promoting various community projects.

Leaders, and times of the various colored school meetings, as announced by Mrs. Garth, are:

Lyon Park, 3:30 to 4:30 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon; Leaders, Helen Payne and Yvonne Hartsfield;

Whitted School, 3 to 4 o'clock, Wednesday afternoons; Leaders, Norma Richardson and Wanda Brausard;

Pearson, 3 to 4 o'clock, Friday afternoon; Leaders, Lucille Hedgeworth and Gladys Mathirson.

East End, 3 to 4 o'clock, Thursday afternoons; Leaders, Semantha Lynch and Sally Marchott, with Louise Page listed as an extra leader.

Knoxville, Tenn. Journal

November 12, 1943

Wheatley 'Y' Holds Service

The Girl Reserves of the Phyllis Wheatley Branch of the YWCA will hold a recognition service at Shiloh Presbyterian Church Sunday at 4 p. m.

Mrs. Phoebe F. Burney, of Atlanta, Ga., will deliver the principal address. Mrs. Burney has studied at Fisk University, Clark College, University of Kansas, Chicago University, Gammon Theological Seminary and Chicago Theological Seminary.

She has served on the Board of Girl Reserves and friends are urged to attend.

Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, as field worker with Women and Youth, and at-director of religious education, and the prin-associate editor of the official ...cal organizations in Atlanta. ...tical also identified with civic and poli...

YWCA BANS JIM CROW AT SWIM POOL

Chicago Bee
Chicago, Illinois

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25. (ANP)—The board of management of the Southwest Belmont branch of the YWCA announced in a written statement last week it does not open its swimming pool to segregated groups or segregated individuals from groups.

The announcement was the YWCA's reaction to its pool being designated for use by a girl, who because of her colored skin was denied membership in the Germantown High school swimming club. The girl, toward whom this prejudicial treatment has been shown, is MaChere Tresville, sister of Lt. Robert Tresville, army air corps pilot.

Miss Tresville was given the understanding she could not become a member of the club, because the Germantown YWCA does not permit Negro girls to swim there. She was also made to understand she could do her swimming at the Southwest branch for diversion and without needed credit for graduation.

The YWCA student also pointed out no member of its staff or committee of management had been approached regarding Miss Tresville until facts relating the discriminatory incident were published in newspapers. The report stated: "The committee of management went on record in March, 1939, as saying its pool would not be open to segregated groups or segregated individuals from groups. Since that time the policy has been adhered to rigidly, and the committee wishes to clarify the implication on the standard."

Unless the Germantown YWCA opens its pool to colored girls, the board of education according to a usually reliable source, will stop members of the Germantown High school swimming club from using it.

Girl Scouts End Camping Experience At Old Clark

Atlanta, Ga Daily World

Surrounded by the natural beauty and scenery of the old Clark University campus, the Girl Scouts of Atlanta have completed a very successful Day Camp program, which began August 16 and ended August 27.

Each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning 50 girls between the ages of 7 and 16 years were merrily on their way with faces glowing and eyes sparkling in happy anticipation of the pleasure derived from the simple program that provided enjoyment, physical and mental growth, growth in anesthetics, sociability, health and safety through the following outdoor activities-learning new games songs and [illegible] becoming more appreciative of nature by living and playing together; becoming more desirous of living with others; planning outdoor meals and learning to safeguard health while out. Represented in this group were troops from Allen Temple AME church, Big Bethel AME church, Central M. E church and other potential scouters.

Friday was visitors' day, and at this time the girls showed great versatility in presenting original stunts and skits that very ably demonstrated the fact that the camp had been profitable. Outstanding among these was a playlet dramatizing the Scout laws. Attracting particular interest was a display of crafts.

The visitors praised Girl Scout Field Secretary, Mrs. Alice M. Hurse, Dr. Ward Warner, physical examiner and the Day Camp Staff composed of the following volunteer workers; Misses Doris Adams, Willie Allen, Evelyn Thomas, Irene Yopp, L Frye, Constance Wade, Lillian Jones Evelyn Merritt and Lady Goosby; Mesdames Nina Calhoun, Florine Furlow, Renita Phillips, Marie Anderson and Rose Turrentine. With the conclusion of the Day Camp, which will be resumed, the Girl Scouts will continue their regular monthly meetings, and the leaders will continue their course in leadership train[illegible]

Tribune

Admits Girl To YW Pool

Philadelphia, Pa.

More than 100 members of the Germantown Branch YMCA, 5820 Germantown avenue, and of the branch at 6128 Germantown avenue, voted Monday night at a membership meeting, to open the pool of the Germantown Branch to all school groups, regardless of race, creed or color.

The recommendation of the meeting was presented to the Board of Directors and was immediately accepted, as the board had already indicated its approval of the measure.

The discussion and vote resulted from action taken by Walter M. S. Tresville, of 6502 Musgrave street, when the Germantown High School, where his daughter is a student, denied her membership in the swimming class because the Germantown YWCA did not allow colored girls to use its pool.

The student's membership fee was returned and she was advised to do her swimming at the Southwest-Belmont YWCA.

Southwest YWCA Takes Stand On Gtn. Jim Crow

New York [illegible]
New York, N. Y.

In response to the may letters, telephone calls and personal inquiries which have flooded the Southwest-Belmont Branch of the YWCA, 1605 Catharine street, with regard to the refusal of the Germantown YWCA to allow Miss MaChere Tresville to swim in its pool, the committee of management of the Southwest Branch issued a statement this week to "clarify the implication on standards."

Miss Tresville, a student of the Germantown High School, was refused membership in the school's swimming class because the Germantown YWCA would not permit her to swim in the pool with other members of her

The Southwest Branch committee stated that, prior to the airing of the situation in local newspapers three weeks ago, no m[illegible]f or committee had been approached on the subject.

The committee insists that the Southwest pool is not open to segregated groups or individuals from segregated groups. The pool is supervised by a trained, competent instructor, but students who seek credit toward graduation must be supervised by the Public Schoo physical education instructor.

Brooklyn Y.W.C.A. Has New Policy Of No Discrimination; Ashland Y Turned Into Residence Hotel Only

Tribune
Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs Edna B. Malone, chairman of the Negro Communities Committee of the Brooklyn Y.W.C.A., this week sent out a letter to contributions and prospective contributors to the borough-wide work of the Association, outlining the present plan of Y.W.C.A. work in Brooklyn and urging the support of the community in the present budget campaign for $65,000.

In her letter, Mrs. Malone said in part "Forty years ago a group of White and Negro leaders had a vision of developing Christian Leadership among Negro women and girls through the Y.W.C.A. At that time, it was believed that this vision could best be attained by the establishment of a Negro Branch. Thus Ashland Place came into being. After years of work, these courageous women brought the program to the point where it passed the stage of separateness to that of complete unity. On July first, 1943 program facilities of the Central Building were opened to the entire membership. Ashland Place's Professional and Clerical staff moved to the Central Building andthe former Negro Branch became a residence.

"Younger girls, ages 8 to 18, are now recruited on a city-wide basis and are registered in any program or club they may desire from swimming pool throughout Business and Industrial girls are also welcomed in all phases of the recreation or educational program according to their own interests.

"Adult women may enroll in any classes; Bdsiness, Crafts, Nursiing School, etc. Health Education Program is open to all members without question.

"Committeec are also merged and those active volunteers who once served on an Ashland Place Committee are now serving on a city-vide basis. It is now a question only of being active and responsible. This kind of volunteer is still urgently needed.

"The Committee of Management has changed its name to that of Communities Committee but has similar responsibilities to its former function. Greater emphasis will be made however in its plan to extend more program into the Bedford-Stuyvesant area.

"The Brooklyn Y.W.C.A. stands in the strategic position of leading the way on a total program of integration and conducting an experimnet in Democracy in the truest sense of the word. I feel certain that the Negro membership which has supported and inspired the work all through the years will assume the new vigor in this great opportunity to make Democracy work."